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MONTANA

2006 Consolidated Federal Funds Report

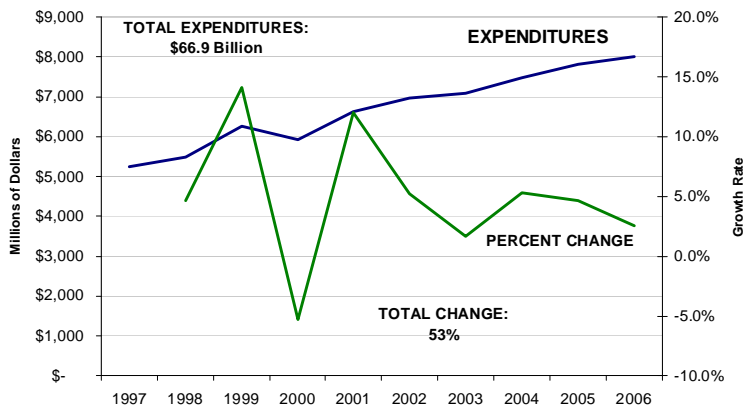
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Despite being a land-locked state, naval personnel find the Big Sky state to their liking. The U.S. Navy sent over \$35 million in retirement checks to these retirees in 2006. Current naval personnel received nearly \$2.0 million in salaries and wages while Montana companies and other entities received \$2.9 million in contracts and \$1.5 million in grants, according to two reports recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The first of the new reports, *Consolidated Federal Funds Report: 2006*, provides a broad overview of how and where the federal government allocates funds. Statistics are provided for each federal department and agency, and presented by state, county and subcounty area. The second report, *Federal Aid to States for Fiscal Year 2006*, contains data on federal grants to state and local governments.

Overall in 2006, \$8.0 billion in federal monies were spent in the Treasure State in the form of salaries and wages, retirement pay, direct payments, grants and contracts. Direct payments include Medicare, food stamps, unemployment compensation, housing and agricultural assistance. Since 1997, Montana has received nearly \$67 billion in federal funds.

TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES IN MONTANA: 1997 - 2006



Retirement payments accounted for 33.5% of all federal expenditures in the state. Not surprisingly the Social Security Administration provided the largest amount of these funds, \$2.0 billion. Yellowstone County residents received the largest amount of retirement pay at \$362 million, 13% of the total.

With a post office in every county, the US Postal Service accounted for the largest share of salaries and wages in the state at \$190 million, 20% of the total. Montana's agricultural sector, which includes the Forest Service, received the second largest share of salaries at \$180 million.

For more detailed data, visit the Bureau's [Consolidated Federal Funds Report](http://www.census.gov/govs/www/cffr.html) web site at <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/cffr.html>.

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